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By way of example, FIG. 7 represents an Internet-directed keyboard 700, such as invoked when an application field is directed to receiving user-entered network addresses or the like. Likely-useful fixed keys (such as representing the strings "http://" or "www." or the like, and common extensions e.g., ".com") may be provided, along with previously-entered addresses, such as the most frequently entered ones, most recently entered ones, or some combination of both. To this end, the application can maintain this information in a database 212 of previously entered data, and provide it to the software input method 206 via the software input method manager 204. In turn the selected software input method 206 stores the data in a suitable location 218. In one preferred implementation, the data is passed via XML (eXtensible Markup Language) formatted information, although as is understood, rather than pass the data itself, a pointer to a buffer or the like that includes the data may be passed. Note that for network addresses, for each such customizable key, the full address string and a corresponding short string to display on the key (which may be user-configurable via a utility or the like) is preferably provided. Further, note that more information than displayed keys may be provided, and made accessible via scroll buttons 702, 704 or the like provided on the display, to make the keyboard more convenient for the user. As

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another example, FIG. 8 shows a directed software input panel in the form of a keyboard 800 customized for e-mail address entry.

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By way of summary, FIG. 9 provides an explanation of the operation of the present invention. As represented in FIG. 9, at step 900, the software input method manager 204 receives the application program's state, either from the application program 202 itself (FIG. 2), or via the application state determination mechanism 302 that analyzes the application 300, e.g., via its window properties (FIG.3). With the state information, the software input method manager 204 looks up a corresponding input method to use in the input method selection database 214, at step 902.
